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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

VALENZUELA ET AL.

Examiner

Uyen-Chau N. Le

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 16-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 16-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Prelim. Amdt/Amendment

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Amendment filed 05 July 2005.

In view of the Applicant's argument with respect to claims 1, 6 and 17, this action is therefore made NON-FINAL. New ground(s) of rejection set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-12 and 16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schwartz et al (5,894,597).

Re claims 1-2 and 16-21: Schwartz et al discloses an apparatus for holding a SIM (subscriber identification module) card 101 for a personal information device (i.e., cell phone 100), comprising: a SIM card 101; a PCB (printed circuit board) [112, 420] , 420] within a single piece back housing of the personal information device 100 (fig. 1); a SIM connector 106 mounted on the PCB [112, 420] , the SIM connector 106 configured to electrically connect the SIM card 101 to the PCB [112, 420] when the SIM card 101 is engaged with the SIM connector 106, wherein the SIM connector 106 includes a plurality of contacts 416 (figs. 2 & 4) and is smaller than the SIM card 101 (figs. 2 & 4);

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and a SIM card door 105 for releasably holding the SIM card 101, the SIM card door 105 configured to move the SIM card 101 into engagement with the SIM connector 106 when in a closed position (figs. 1-2 & 4; col. 2, lines 15-57 and col. 4, lines 25-50); wherein the SIM card door 105 is configured to releasably hold the SIM card such that the SIM card 101 is properly aligned with the SIM connector 106 when the SIM card door 105 is moved into the closed position (figs. 2 & 4; col. 2, lines 38-57 and col. 4, lines 51-62); wherein the SIM card door 105 is configured to slidably accept the SIM card 101 into a properly aligned position when the SIM card door 105 is in the open position (figs. 2 & 4; col. 2, lines 38-57 and col. 4, lines 51-62); a front housing for combining with the back housing for containing the electronic device 100, wherein the SIM card door 105 is releasably engageable with the back housing (fig. 1); wherein the SIM card door 105 is rotatably attached to the back housing such that the SIM card door 105 swings into the closed position from the open position (figs. 4-10); wherein the SIM card door 105 includes a latch 502 in order to maintain the closed position (fig. 5; col. 4, lines 16+); a plurality of holders disposed on the surface of the SIM card door 105, the holders configured to hold the SIM card 101 in the proper position, wherein the holders are configured to hold the SIM card when the SIM card door is in the open position (figs. 2 & 3); wherein the SIM card door 105 is rotatably attached to a back case of the housing (figs. 1 & 4-10).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 6 and 17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Newly cited reference to Schwartz et al has been used in the new ground rejection to further meet the limitation of the claimed invention.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The patents to Haffenden et al (US 6226189 B1); Shiue (US 6450408 B2); Braun et al (US 6547138 B1); Jenkins et al (US 6724618 B1) are cited as of interest and illustrate a similar structure to an integrated SIM holder with backcase and rotating door.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Uyen-Chau N. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-2397. The examiner can normally be reached on First Monday 5:30AM-1:30PM and Tues-Fri 5:30AM-3PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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